

REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration of the rejections are requested. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-11 and 18-29 are pending in the application. Claims 20 – 29 were previously indicated to be allowable. Claims 1-11, 18 and 19 were objected to.

The Specification Objection

The specification was objected to because the abstract of the disclosure was deemed too long. Filed herewith is a revised abstract, which is no more than 15 lines long in compliance with the Examiner's request. In view of the revised abstract, this objection has been addressed. It is requested that this objection be withdrawn.

The Objection to the Claims

The Examiner has objected to claim 1 stating: "claim 1 is deemed informal for containing two references to a 'a second polymer'".

The Examiner is believed to have erred. The undersigned has repeatedly scanned claim 1 and can only locate a single reference to "a second polymer". Other references include "said" in reference to this polymer while another grouping of a different polymeric blend eschewed the ordinal numbers: first; second; third; in favor of lower case letter designations (i), (ii), etc. for the specific purpose of avoiding confusing terminology.

It is submitted that the objection is in error and should be withdrawn. If the Examiner persists in the objection, then clarification is requested with reference to claim lines.

Allowable Subject Matter

With respect to claims 20-29, which the Examiner has found allowable, it is noted that the claims refer generally to bags having the indicated composition with the laminates of the indicated composition being attached thereto. There is no requirement that the laminate film be limited to a patched area smaller in area than the bag as may be found in many prior art patents.


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CONCLUSION

Reexamination and reconsideration of the application and claims are requested. It is believed that all of the remaining claims are in condition for allowance, which is earnestly requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 502023.

Respectfully submitted,



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